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Sir:

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The references cited here are those brought to applicants' attention by citation in an office action from the Japanese Patent Office dated May 20, 2003 and issued in connection with Application No. 2001-345725, the priority of which is claimed here and which is believed to correspond to the captioned application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action of May 20, 2003 is enclosed herewith, along with a partial English translation thereof and a listing of the seven cited references with corresponding applications listed where known.

The examiner will note that Kokai 11-016906 and 07-230991 are both accompanied by published English language abstracts and English translation.



Japanese Kokai 10-199881 is accompanied by a copy of U.S. 6,153,507 believed to be an equivalent thereof.

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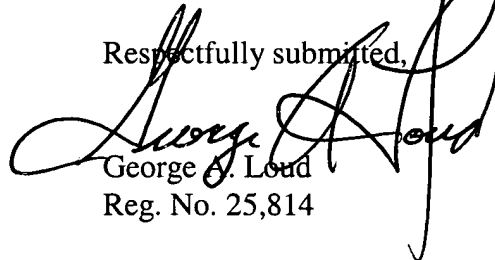
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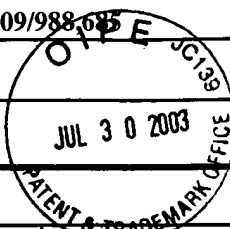
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